“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” —Jeremiah 29:11

Dear parishioners,

Our Lenten journey reminds us that God is always faithful to us, and we are called to be faithful to God.

This mutual faithfulness extends to our efforts to update and expand our parish facilities. We are now being challenged to be good stewards by planning for the future of our parish.

This project is a great task. It takes faith in God as we progress with the planning and the fundraising. It will take faith in each other. So far, I am very excited about the active engagement and enthusiasm of so many members of our faith community. Like going to a Husker football game, the enthusiasm is contagious and the campaign is something to cheer for. I sometimes feel like starting the wave!

Commitment Weekend will be in May. Prior to that, I ask that you prayerfully consider a commitment to the campaign and to the future of our St. Columbkille parish family.

Personal discernment will be part of this process and has two components: First, gathering information is necessary to making informed decisions. Our events team is planning many get-togethers, each including refreshments and a brief presentation, at which our vision will be shared, the campaign explained and your questions answered. Please review the upcoming event list in this newsletter and choose a date compatible with your schedule. Bring a parish friend or neighbor, and join us in fellowship. Our events will last about an hour.

Second, prayer is a valuable guide in any discernment process. Included in this newsletter is our campaign prayer. Please consider praying this on a daily basis, maybe with your family before the evening meal or at night prayer. As you pray for St. Columbkille Parish, know that you are in my prayers!

As always, I welcome your questions, concerns and thoughts about our parish and this capital campaign process.

Peace,

Fr. Dave

The Communications Team is pleased to unveil the theme and logo that will be used for our capital campaign. This creation was our first charge when we began meeting in January.

We assembled as a community, from all walks of life, to consider theme possibilities. Conversations revolved around unity, faith, the strength of our community and the dynamic place it is for all. We talked about St. Columbkille’s expansive history and the solid foundation upon which it was built.

Looking to the future, we believe that growth and our generosity will continue to make St. Columbkille a better place. We are guided by Jesus Christ - our savior, St. Columbkille – our martyred patron saint, and the strength of a diverse parish community.

After much discernment, we discovered shared convictions within the group and decided on the campaign theme:

**CELEBRATING COMMUNITY – GROWING IN CHRIST**

For the logo, we reviewed the Celtic history of the parish and the life of the Irish saint himself. We researched beautiful Irish designs that could lend themselves to our theme, specifically to the words Community and Growth. The way they intertwined and flowed seemed to connect the words that we wanted to use. Our logo reflects this vision. With the Irish cross and green color, it represents both this campaign and our patron martyred Saint Columbkille.
CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

Strong leadership is essential to successful capital campaigns, according to campaign consultant, Joe Akers. “I was impressed with many of the parishioners during the campaign planning study. Their faithfulness and long standing commitment to the people of this parish are inspirational.” Many of these parishioners will serve as on the campaign Steering Committee, which will review and advise the planning and implementation of each phase of the campaign.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” -Mark 10:45

CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIR COUPLES

Donald & Valerie Bellino  Rick & Stacy Denne  Jared & Kim Hollinger  Doug & Judy McWilliams


Come to the Table
Join in the Fun

Join us for food and fellowship at an upcoming parish social gathering. At these information-only events, parish leaders will explain the building projects and answer your questions.

**TACO TUESDAY**
Tuesday, March 6, 6:30 pm
Social Hall
Childcare Available

**PIE ALLELUIA MODE**
Thursday, March 8, 7:00 pm
Social Hall

**PIZZA WITH OUR PASTOR**
Monday, March 12, 6:30 pm
Social Hall
Childcare Available

**SAINTLY SNACKS**
Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 pm
Social Hall

**PASTRIES WITH PADRE**
Sunday, March 18, 8:30 & 11:30 am
Social Hall
Childcare Available

**TACO TUESDAY**
Tuesday, March 20, 6:30 pm
Social Hall
Childcare Available

**WINE DOWN**
Saturday, March 24, 7:30 pm
Social Hall

To help us plan appropriately, please rsvp to Katie Rainbolt at StCevents@gmail.com or Phone/Text 402-672-4064.

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**BUILDING UPON THE ROCK**
... St. Columbkille Youth

When Jesus called Peter to be the rock upon which He would build His church, He in turn called us to be the body of His church now and forever. We are her caretakers. If not us to prepare for the future, then who?

As Christ sacrificed, so have many Catholic families. With that same sacrifice we must secure the next generations’ welcome. It is our duty to lift them up so they too, can be blessed by the warm embrace of Christ.

This parish will grow and change, but the light of Christ will remain constant. Our service to others and the formation of our youth now and in the future is paramount.

We will continue to build upon that rock from nearly two thousand years ago.

“Maybe the most important thing we do in our campaigns is to tie the youth to their parish, their faith and the future of the Catholic Church,” according to campaign consultant Joe Akers. “We can use this campaign to connect the kids to the parish projects and strengthen their faith in the process.”

Our Youth Team, with great energy and vision, is planning toward that goal with the following projects:

- Blessing Rocks
- Parish Center Tile
- Praise & Worship Night
- Youth Sunday
- Divine Mercy Sundae
- Scripture Scavenger Hunt
- Service Tree
- Collaborate at the Collaboratory

To include your children in any of these projects, please contact Youth Team Co-Chairs Melissa Nelson 713-852-7858 or mnelson1201@gmail.com or Kris Grzywa 402-639-7863 or kgrzywa@cox.net.

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**YOUR CAMPAIGN YOUTH TEAM**

**Co-Chairs:** Melissa Nelson, Kris Grzywa  
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OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER
by Carolyn Rae Gehringer

As members of the St. Columbkille Campaign Prayer Team, we are hopeful that all parishioners will be united in prayer during this process. To aid in creating this unity, we focused on writing a prayer to promote the tenets of our campaign theme Celebrating Community – Growing in Christ.

Toward that objective, Co-Chair Joe Klapatch led us through a three-week discernment process inspired by Lectio Divina - a tradition of listening and contemplation to be in union with God.

Our diverse group shared St. Columbkille experiences. Influenced through prayer and silence, we collaborated on these core values at St. Columbkille: Mercy, Communion, Spirit, and the Call to Holiness. In considering potential prayer stanzas, we revisited those four themes in groups and a first draft was created. After rewording, rearranging, and a few additions by the Steering Committee, the prayer is complete.

This process included a great mixture of individual and group participation, truly inspired by the Holy Spirit. We invite you to join us, in reciting this prayer on a daily basis, as we seek the Lord’s guidance in the weeks ahead.

O Most Holy Trinity, we praise You and we thank You for bringing us together as one family.

Father, we humbly ask to hear Your voice.
Guide us in sharing Your gift of mercy.

Lord Jesus, You call us each by name.
Help us to trust in Your teachings as we strive to answer Your call.

Holy Spirit, let Your peace take root in our hearts.
Guide us to be disciples of Christ and faithful stewards of Your gifts.

Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, may our Saint Columbkille community be a place where all are welcome and can grow in faith, hope and love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen